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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6222 NOTE PREPARED: Nov 12, 2003

BILL NUMBER: HB 1068 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Withholding from Pensions for Child Support.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Young D BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that benefit payments from certain public pension funds are subject to withholding for child support.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) and the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) are affected by this proposal. Both report that there likely will be increased costs connected with implementation associated with computer and programming changes. The specific impact is indeterminable. The 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Disability Fund as well as the Defined Benefit Fund and the Defined Contribution Plan of the Legislators' Retirement System are also affected by this proposal. PERF administers both of these funds. PERF indicated that an outside consultant will be needed to determine how best to proceed and to determine the costs involved with this proposal.

The State Police Benefit System reports that there will be no increase in expenditures to implement this proposal. Funds affected are the state General Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, both of which support the State Police Benefit System equally.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The 1925 Police Pension Fund, the 1937 Firefighters' Pension Fund, the 1953 Police Pension Fund, and various county sheriff plans are all affected by this proposal. These plans are administered at the city, town, and county level. The City of Indianapolis reported that it should be able to implement this proposal within current expenditures; a system is already in place to process similar

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requirements pertaining to child support.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Public Employees' Retirement Fund; Teachers' Retirement Fund; State Police Benefit System.

Local Agencies Affected: Those units with members in the various funds administered at the local level.

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